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In re the Application of: **Toshifumi HASHIBA et al.**

Group Art Unit: **1713**

Application Number: **10/527,636**

Examiner: **Robert D. Harlan**

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For: **FLAT PARTICLES AND PROCESS FOR PRODUCING THE SAME**

Attorney Docket Number: **043198**

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**RESPONSE TO RESTRICTION REQUIREMENT**

Mail Stop Amendment  
Commissioner for Patents  
P. O. Box 1450  
Alexandria, VA 22313-1450

January 19, 2007

Sir:

This Response is submitted in response to the Office Action dated January 5, 2007.

Applicants hereby elect the invention of Group I, Claims 1-8, for initial prosecution in this application. This election is made without traverse, and it is understood that Applicants' rights to the filing of a divisional application directed to the non-elected subject matter under 35 U.S.C. §120 and 35 U.S.C. §121 are retained.

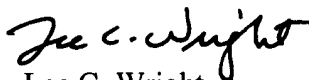
The Examiner is requested to consider "rejoining" the method of making claims upon allowance of the product claims. See MPEP 821.04.

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If this paper is not timely filed, Applicants respectfully petition for an appropriate extension of time. The fees for such an extension or any other fees that may be due with respect to this paper may be charged to Deposit Account No. 50-2866.

Respectfully submitted,

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